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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
04132.0828.NPUS00

First named inventor: Karel van den BERG

Application No.: 09/642,828

Art Unit: 3641

Filed: August 22, 2000

Examiner: Bret C. Hayes

Title: A FEEDING AND/OR DRINKING COLUMN ON BEHALF OF ANIMALS

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,540.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
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B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 01 FC:1453 1540.00 DA

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))]., as stated in the attached Declaration in Support of Petition to Revive.

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☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time (3 mos); Declaration in Support of Petition

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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO REVIVE

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Sir:

- 1) I, Frans J.A. de Groen, am the representative of the Assignee of the above-referenced application and have been responsible for the prosecution of the application since September 2006;
- 2) our previous U.S. patent counsel, Mr. Penrose Albright, died late last year;
- 3) we were informed of Mr. Albright's death by letter from his son. This letter further informed us that the entire law firm would, because of Mr. Albright's death, be dissolved immediately;
- 4) review of the patent applications being handled by Mr. Albright reveals that Mr. Albright did not respond to an outstanding Office Action mailed December 12, 2006 issued in the above-referenced application and that this application went abandoned; and
- 5) the entire delay in filing the required reply to the Reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed herewith, was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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